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JACK ANDERSON: CIA Deputy Director Bobby Inman has resigned from the agency. Congress is saying privately that the wrong man is leaving.

Here is the Inside Story.

Admiral Bobby Inman, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency resigned this week. But let me tell you what the congressmen are saying in the cloakrooms. The prevailing view is that his boss, CIA Director William Casey should be the one to leave.

Inman was the only CIA officials who senators trusted. He was often specifically requested to give closed door briefings.

You see, Casey has little credibility on Capitol Hill. Under his leadership the CIA has lost the respect of Congress. Inman was a personal exception.

One intelligence committee source told me, I am quoting, Inman was the man everybody wanted to talk to.

Now they don't have a guy in that position to trust.

Inman and Casey had policy differences. They disagreed, for example, over the CIA's role in domestic spying. Inman thought it was wrong for the CIA to spy on American citizens at home.

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